

Intion that the commissions of the judges which had hitherto been during pleasure should henceforth l>e made durimif ^ood behavior. A judiciary dependent on the will c»f the Killer had proved itself the most oppressive of all tools in the hand of that magistrate. N'othin.i? then eould lie more salutary than a change there to the tenure of good behavior; and the question of ^ood behavior left to the vote of a simple majority in the two Houses of Parliament. Before the Revolution we were all good KnijlUh win'.',\*-, cordial in their free principles and in their jealousies of their executive magistrate. These jealousies are very apparent in all our State t'onMitu-tious, and, in the general ^nveni«n\*-t»t in tin-, instance, we have l^onc even beyond the Ku.t'jish cautinn !»v ieqtsirint'; a vote of two-thirds in one of the Houses f«»r removing a jud^e; a vote so impossible that where<sup>1</sup> any defence is made before men of ordinary prejudices and passions that our judges are effectually independent of the nation. Hut this mt^hi uut to be. I would not indeed make (hem dependent on the executive authority as they formerly v.rje in Kni;ian<l, but. I deem it indispensable to the continuance of this J4'overnmeut. that they should be Mibntitfed to some practical and impartial control; and this, in be imparted, must be compounded of a mixture of State ami federal authorities. It is not enough that honest men are appointed judges. All know the- influence of interest on the mind of man ami how unconsciously his judgment is warped bv that iniluenec, To this bias add that of the ev»/»nV f/t\* t'orf\*\* »<t their jK-culiar maxmi and creed, that "tt is the office of a tfond jiid|;e to enlarge his jurisdiction" and the absence of responsibility; and how can we expect impartial decision between the ^eiu-raS t'overnmeut of \which they are themselves so eminent a part and an individual State from which they have nothing to hope or tY.ir? We have seen, too, that contrary to all correct example, they are in the habit of g'oinjff out of the <jm">tinn before them to throw an anchor ahead and grapple further hnlii for future advances of power. They arc then in fact the corps of sappers and miners steadily wishing to undermine the independent rights of the